

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

1. Discussion of Amendments

By way of the amendment instructions above, the prior pending claims have been amended so as to clarify that the ramp surface is in the form of a circular spiral and has a segment that defines a high point, a low point and a substantially vertical section between the high and low points. Support for such amendments can be found on page 3, last paragraph bridging page 4 of the specification as well as Figures 1 and 1a.

In addition, clarifying amendments as to form have also been introduced and claim 13 has been canceled as redundant.

Claims 21-24 are new and define the pipette of the invention in a scope to which applicants are entitled. Again, support for the language of claims 21-24 can be found on page 3, last paragraph bridging page 4 of the specification as well as Figures 1 and 1a.

Therefore, following entry of this amendment claims 1-12 and 14-24 will remain pending herein for which favorable reconsideration and allowance are requested.

2. Response to 35 USC §112 Rejections

The amendments made to the prior pending claims are believed to address all issues under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of such rejections is in order.

3. Response to 35 USC §103(a) Rejection

The only issue remaining to be resolved in this application is the alleged “obviousness” of the prior claims under 35 USC §103(a) based on Roach (USP 3,882,729). Applicants respectfully suggest that Roach is inappropriate as a reference against the presently pending claims herein.

In this regard, applicants note that Roach discloses a manually operable pipette comprising a wavelike cam lobe 67. As a consequence of such structure, the actuator 65 of Roach must be rotated also after a tip has been removed in order to return the remover to the upper position.

According to the presently claimed invention, the ramp member defines a circular spiral which has a substantially vertical section between its high and low points. As a consequence of this structure, the ramp member need not be rotated in order to return it to the upper position. This attribute is especially advantageous when an electric motor is used, because battery’s energy is thus saved since unnecessary turning motion need not be applied.

Roach therefore does not disclose or suggest the structures and functions as defined in the presently pending claims herein. Withdrawal of the rejections advanced under 35 USC §103(a) is therefore in order.

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4. Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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